

Dominion Club News

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Becky Colburn Succeeds Teresa Underwood as Dominion Club's Sterling Representative

A hearty DC welcome to Becky Colburn who has succeeded Teresa Underwood as the Sterling Towne Properties portfolio manager with responsibility for coordinating Dominion Club property management activities. Teresa plans to move to Chicago and expects to remain in the property management field.

Becky's background is in sales and retail where she has worked extensively with people in establishing and maintaining effective business relationships. She has been married 31 years and has three children. Off the job, she enjoys reading, crafts, tennis, golf and spending time with her family.

"I look forward to serving the Dominion Club and I hope to be pro-active to residents' concerns and to be of help whenever and wherever needed," Becky said. "I will be on the property during the coming weeks to get acquainted and am looking forward to working with the board of trustees "

Becky's e-mail address is beckyc@tp1.com. Her telephone number is 781-0055, ext. 131 and fax is 781-0832. Welcome to the team, Becky.

DC Pool Open for Season; Residents Reminded of Rules

The Dominion Club pool opened for the new season the week of May 21 after repairs to a small leak, cleaning and painting. A special tip of the hat to Malcom Beam who for the second year in a row personally cleaned every inch of the special rubber gasket around the perimeter of the pool. Underwater lights are now working and blue strips have been painted to indicate the pool's access steps.

Residents using the pool are requested to not use the clubhouse front and rear doors but are to use only the two pool gates to enter and leave the pool area. The same key opens both the clubhouse and the pool gates but the board has set a policy that swimming suits are not allowed in the clubhouse, except in the restrooms which may be accessed through specially marked doors in the northwest section of the clubhouse. Special signs on the front and rear clubhouse doors indicating this access policy are being installed.

Other pool rules are

1. Pool hours are 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily;
2. There is no lifeguard, swim at your own risk;
3. No animals permitted in pool or pool area;
4. No diving;
5. A homeowner must accompany all guests and be responsible for guests' behavior;
6. Guests under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a resident, and may swim only between 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.; and
7. Due to the limited number, furniture may not be reserved. People using a table with an umbrella must close the umbrella when leaving the pool area or under heavy wind conditions.

Residents are requested to comply with the rules so that both residents and their guests can enjoy the pool all season long. Thanks and Happy Swimming!

Special points of interest:

- ◆ Mark your calendar for the Dominion Club pool party Friday June 8th at 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Stay tuned for future party announcements from the Social Committee.....



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Lawn Care Committee and Trustees Approve Recommended List of Trees, Shrubs

In response to questions from several homeowners, the DC Lawn Care Committee has recommended and the DC Board of Trustees has agreed to a list of recommended trees and shrubs for Dominion Club properties. **The list appears at the end of the newsletter as a separate page which can be printed and retained by homeowners.**

"From the time our properties were originally developed, homeowners and the builders chose several types of trees, shrubs and plantings for the front beds of our homes. And of course many homeowners have chosen a variety of trees and shrubs for planting elsewhere on their property," said Lawn Care Chair Wayne Hasty. "Now that the DC is fully built, some homeowners have expressed a desire to replace original plantings or plant new things, either in the front beds or elsewhere."

The committee inventoried the DC properties and basically listed the trees and shrubs that are now present in the development. The overall objective is to retain the visual integrity in a consistent way throughout the community. It is also important that the DC comply with applicable rules from the Village of New Albany.

"I want to emphasize that all existing trees and shrubs are grandfathered, whether or not they are on the list," said Hasty. "The list is intended to be used primarily as guidance for those needing to replace trees and/ shrubs or for those wanting to plant something new."

As appropriate, homeowners will still need to submit an exterior modification application under guidance as stated in Section XIV (Exterior Modifications) of the DC Handbook. Replacement of an existing or dead tree or shrub with a like replacement does not require an Exterior Modification Application (EMA). If a new planting bed is being added or change to an existing one is being planned, a EMA is required. The approved list of plantings indicated in B under Landscaping Guidelines will be incorporated at the time of the next revision of the handbook this fall; however, homeowners should begin immediately to use the list.

Questions about the list may be referred to Hasty at whasty4703@aol.com or at 855-3468 or to Trustee Urban Kraus, chairman of the Design Review Committee, at 855-1967, Ukraus@insight.rr.com. Exterior Modification applications should be sent to Sterling Towne Properties with a duplicate copy to Kraus.

GE Dishwasher Recall

GE has issued a dishwasher recall which seems to include many of our DC dishwasher models. It is easy to check whether your dishwasher is included in the recall:

1. Copy the serial and model numbers from the inside front of your dishwasher.
2. Online, go to www.geappliances.com and click on "dishwasher recall." Enter your serial and model numbers and you will get an immediate response. If your dishwasher is part of the recall, you may proceed to schedule a free repair.
3. If you prefer, phone the recall hotline number: 1-877-607-6395 Monday thru Saturday from 8 am to 8 pm.

What You Need to Know About the Emerald Ash Borer

Several Dominion Club homeowners have inquired about the emerald ash borer (EAB) after news reports in recent weeks documented an EAB infestation and a quarantine in a Worthington neighborhood. Since we are located within 15 miles of that location our community may be considered "at risk." At this time, no infestation in the DC has been discovered. It is generally agreed in the forestry community that all ash trees will eventually be attacked by the EAB and be lost.

EAB is firmly established in northwest Ohio and a number of isolated infestations, including in the Cincinnati area, have been detected around the state. The Ohio State University Extension is part of a Coordinated EAB Program to track this problem, including control and remediation strategies.

A recent fact sheet from the Program reported, "Research and experimentation have shown that insecticides can protect trees from EAB; however, success is not assured. Research suggests that best control will be obtained when treatments are initiated in the earliest stages of infestation before visible symptoms are present, or perhaps even the year before trees are infested. It is also important to realize that treatments will have to be repeated each year. In some cases, it may be more cost-effective to remove and replace the tree."

"Our DC lawn care committee has reviewed the information available and also inventoried the DC properties and determined that 33 homeowners have ash trees on their property," said Lawn Care Chair Wayne Hasty. "None of the 33 are street trees (those between the curb and the sidewalk). Generally, the ash trees are located in the front, side or back yards of our properties and of course are early in their maturity."

What's Ahead for June Lawn Care?

Several stretches of dry weather during May underscored the importance of maintaining water levels that contribute to healthy turf and plants. About one inch of moisture each week, including natural precipitation and homeowner watering, is ideal. Watering in the morning hours before the hottest part of the day is preferable to night watering which can result in the development of fungi.

Abbruzzese crews expect to prune non-flowering plants and shrubs in early June with scheduled completion by June 15. Current Abbruzzese mowing heights are varying between 3 inches and 3 1/4 inches each week, depending on conditions. TruGreen-ChemLawn crews will be apply-

A list of Dominion Club addresses that have ash trees, as of mid-May, appears at the end of this story.

Hasty said, "As we see it, homeowners have four options at this time: 1.) treat the trees themselves with store-purchased treatment application; 2.) have a professional lawn care or chemical application firm apply treatment; 3.) remove the tree; or 4.) do nothing. If nothing is done or the tree is treated, the tree will continue to grow, and obviously the bigger it gets, the more expensive it will be to remove."

Homeowners wanting additional EAB information are referred to the following web sites:

<http://ashalert.osu.edu/>;
<http://www.emeraldashborer.info/>;
<http://www.ohioagriculture.gov/eab/>; and
<http://bygl.osu.edu/>.

The DC lawn care committee will continue to monitor the EAB problem and share new information with residents as it becomes available. Jeff Keirns, a resident of the DC, member of the lawn care committee, and one who has been professionally involved in lawn application chemicals for many years, is also available to answer questions at 939-9950 or at Jeff.keirns@us.nufarm.com.

DC addresses with ash trees, as of mid-May 2007, are:
 Camden Drive, 6948, 6932, 6927, 6929, 6935, 7057, 7055, 7051, and 7049
 Joysmith Circle, 6913, 6915, 6917, 6921, 6925, 6927, 6931, 6935, 6937, 6950, 6924, and 6922
 Keesee Circle, 6910, 6906, 7061, 7057, 7055, 6905
 Dean Farm Road, 7058, 7063, 7059
 New Albany Road, 6944, 6940, 6936

ing fertilizer, broadleaf weed control and grub control chemicals in late June or early July, again depending on conditions. This will be the third of five applications scheduled this season. Looking ahead, residents should begin to watch for bagworms in mid- to late August, especially on evergreen trees and shrubs.

Questions and concerns about lawn care should be referred to Wayne Hasty, Lawn Care Chairman, at 855-3468 or at whasty4703@aol.com.

Roth, Stauffer Volunteer to Change Post Light Bulbs; Boyer Stakes Street Trees

Two residents have stepped forward and volunteered to change bulbs in post lights free of charge for DC residents who are not physically able to do this task. Another resident is continuing to stake our street trees.

Tom Roth (855-3290, troth@insight.rr.com) and Ron Stauffer (855-5178, rstauffe@insight.rr.com) are the volunteer bulb changers. Homeowners may purchase a bulb for installation or buy one from Roth or Stauffer at their purchased cost. Thanks to Tom and Ron for providing this service for neighbors in need.

Another resident, Bob Boyer, is in his second season of voluntarily staking our street trees. About 25 trees were staked and straightened last year. He makes periodic checks of the status of those he has already staked and keeps an eye out for those planted more recently that might need staking. Thanks, Bob for your interest in our community.

A hearty thanks to these caring residents for helping out their fellow Dominion Club residents.

Approved Mailbox /Post Lamp Paint Available at Sherwin Williams, Stone Ridge

Arrangements have been made with the Sherwin-Williams store at 1241 N. Hamilton Rd. in Gahanna (just south of the Stone Ridge Shopping Center) for DC residents to buy the approved paint for use in repainting mailboxes and post lamps. With our community now in its eighth year of existence, a number of mailboxes and some post lamps are in need of freshening with a new coat of paint.

Residents should ask for "Dominion Club 55 Green" when visiting the store. This is an oil base satin paint, re-named since last year, and is the same color mix that was recommended in the *Dominion Club News* last year. Residents who already used that color are in compliance with the color recently approved for use by the DC Board of Trustees. The paint color is also acceptable to the Village of New Albany. The store has the proper mix recipe to achieve the approved color and will sell it by the quart at a current price of \$12.49. It is also available at \$36.99 a gallon.

Several neighbors may want to go together and purchase a quart as a number of mailboxes and/or post lamps can be painted with one quart. On advice of paint experts, the DC board of trustees strongly recommends that a primer (All-Surface Enamel Primer) be applied before the oil based satin paint. This will enhance the durability, reduce chipping and chalking and help with color retention over the next several years. It also sells for \$12.49 a quart and \$36.99 a gallon at the Sherwin-Williams store. Another acceptable primer, which sprays on, is Krylon Zinc rich primer, also available at Sherwin-Williams. Old or original paint need not be removed before applying the primer, only light sanding or rubbing steel wool to remove rust or corrosion will work fine. Use a wet cloth to wipe off residue and allow to dry thoroughly. A natural bristle brush or sprayer for applying the paint are also recommended.

Questions about the primer, the paint and their application may be discussed with David Kretschmaier, a DC resident and Sherwin-Williams employee, at 560-1682.

Getting To Know Our Neighbors by Bob and Kathy Kunovich

Bob and I have been married for 38 years. We were both born in the Youngstown area. Our parents and grandparents knew each other before we were born. We have pictures playing together as children. We have 2 children, 1 granddaughter and 1 grandson due July 3. Our son, Bob, and his wife Sheri, both received their PhD's from OSU in Sociology. He teaches at the University of Texas, Arlington and she is at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. Our daughter, Lisa, is a resident at The Heinzerling Memorial Foundation.

Bob graduated from Youngstown State University with a BA and Ohio State with a DDS. He then served as a captain in the Army Dental Corps "fighting tooth decay" at Fort Lewis in Tacoma, Washington. Following military service, we moved back to Columbus where Bob taught at The Ohio State University College of Dentistry for 33 years until retiring 1 1/2 years ago. He enjoys golfing, exercising and reading.

Bob and I moved here from Westerville 2 1/2 years ago. I've been retired from Riverside Hospital for 3 1/2 years where I worked in the EEG and Peripheral Vascular Labs with my background in nursing. I have always enjoyed knitting, needlepoint and counted cross stitch. One day, approximately 10 years ago, I stopped at a fabric store to buy a single spool of thread. A simple small quilt caught my eye and I thought "I could do that"! I have been quilting ever since.

A year ago, in honor of our 32 year old daughter Lisa, I donated 10 baby quilts to Riverside Hospital to be given to infants born with mental retardation along with a beautiful poem for Mom.

I enjoy making "mini" quilts and lap size quilts because there are sooooooooooooo many patterns that I want to try. Eventually, I want to make more quilts for donation.

We are happy with our decision to move to "The Links". Bob has enjoyed golfing with "the guys" from the neighborhood. And I enjoy getting together with "the girls" at the Dominion Club the second and fourth Monday of the month for our "stitch-n-time, needlework group". Join us.....if nothing else, bring your mending!



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Welcome Wayne Hasty's New Neighbors

The baby robins were photographed in our blue spruce trees just a few days before they flew from the nest in late April. Originally, there were four eggs in the nest but only two hatched.



If you have contributions for the newsletter or something to communicate to the Dominion Club community, contact a member of the Communications Committee:

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(PLEASE SAVE)

DOMINION CLUB AT NEW ALBANY LINKS APPROVED TREE AND SHRUB LIST (JUNE 2007)

SHADE TREES

Red Maple, Sugar Maple, Honey Locust, Pin Oak

EVERGREEN TREES

White Pine, Austrian Pine, Scotch Pine, Norway Spruce, Fir (all),
Weeping White Pine, Canadian Hemlock, Blue Spruce, Red Pine

ORNAMENTAL TREES

Flowering Crabapple, Dogwood (Pink and White), Winterking Hawthorn,
Washington Hawthorn, Aristocrat Flowering Pear, Weeping Cheery, River Birch

EVERGREEN SHRUBS (NARROW LEAF AND BROADLEAF)

Juniper (all), Arbovitae (all), Japanese Yew (Taxus), Mugho Pine,
Dwarf Alberta Spruce, Bird's Nest Spruce, Dwarf Shrub Blue Spruce,
Other Dwarf Spruce Cultivars, China Girl & Boy Holly,
Boxwood (Korean), Boxwood (English), Japanese Holly (Inkberry), Azalea,
Rhododendron, Japanese Pieris

LARGE DECIDUOUS ACCENT/FLOWERING SHRUBS

Sandcherry, Burning Bush (Fall Firebush), Winterberry (male and female
for berries), Serviceberry, Star Magnolia, Saucer Magnolia,
Sweet Bay Magnolia, Viburnum (Leather Leaf, Doublefile, Lantana, Others)

SMALL DECIDUOUS SHRUBS

Spirea, Potentilla, Barberry, Cottenester, Exbury Azalea, Mollis Azalea,
Korean Spice Viburnum, Fairy Rose and other hedging type roses

This list was developed by the Dominion Club Lawn Care Committee and approved by the DC Board of Trustees. The list includes trees and shrubs which generally thrive in Central Ohio. This list is intended to serve as guidance for Dominion Club homeowners who are planning to replace existing trees and shrubs or are adding new trees and shrubs to their property. Homeowners are referred to the Dominion Club Handbook for specific rules applying to changes they are contemplating regarding landscaping and/OR exterior modifications to a structure.

Trees and shrubs planted in DC before June 2007 are grandfathered. Village of New Albany prohibits planting of Box Elder, Catalpa, Mulberry, Poplar, Siberian Elm, Silver Maple, Tulip and Willow trees.